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TWO KENTUCKY MEN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE OXYCONTIN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kentucky men were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate cases, for possessing with intent to distribute Oxycontin.

* **Francis M. Summe**, 49, of Fort Mitchell, Ky., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Summe** possessed with intent to distribute Oxycontin on March 1, 2004.

Summe was initially arrested while staying at the Hampton Inn, located in Lee's Summit, Mo.

* **Eric J. Thompson**, 54, of Lexington, Ky., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Thompson** possessed with intent to distribute Oxycontin on March 1, 2004.

Thompson was initially arrested while staying at the Hampton Inn, located in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

These cases are being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez.

They were investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the United States Marshal's Office.

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